

ARMOR PLATE FRAUDS.

Superintendent Cline Before the Investigating Committee.

HE DENIES INTENTIONAL FRAUD.

Closely Examined Regarding the Charge That He Had Changed the Records of Treatments—He Destroyed the Books Because "They Contained a Lot of Stuff He Knew Nothing About."

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26.—Superintendent Cline, in charge of the armor plate press shops at the Carnegie works at the time of the recent irregularities in filling government contracts, began his testimony before the congressional investigating committee today. The witnesses heretofore examined had blamed Cline for most of the irregularities, so that much interest was attached to his examination. He was cross-examined by Chairman Cummings. He said he had general charge of the armor plates and gave written and verbal directions to the workmen. He construed the government specifications that plates were to have a uniform treatment to mean that there were to be uniform results. Mr. Cummings questioned Cline closely on the charges made by the witnesses. Cline said he had changed the figures before the reports of actual work were submitted to the government officers.

Cline then submitted diagrams of the plates for the purpose of showing that the changes he made were not for fraudulent purposes. He made the changes, he declared, as a result of practical experience. The changes covered prior work done on plates shown by the workmen's figures. Cline charged that still his testimony as to the charges had suppressed one-half of the entries on these plates. There had never been a false entry for the purpose of fraud.

Mr. Cummings then drew out the statement that Cline had destroyed all the books. He said he had done this because they contained a "lot of stuff" he knew nothing about. Still and the other clerks had made these entries. The books were destroyed after the settlement with the government had been made. The destruction of the books, Cline asserted, had not been for the purpose of destroying evidence. He now had no record of the treatment of armor plates.

Cline said as a whole the sheets were misleading and showed only a part of the record work done. Representative Money took up a specific charge on a sheet. It showed that an armor plate was actually in the furnace, eighteen hours. Cline's figures on the sheet showed that he had raised the number of hours to thirty-six. Representative Talbot asked why this specific change had been made.

"To prevent fussing," answered Cline. This "fuss" he said would be made by government officers.

He wanted to please them. "My superiors knew what I was doing," added Cline, who mentioned Supt. Corrie, of the armor shops, as one who knew of what was being done. The clerks did not know the technical details of the work and such information as they might give the government inspectors would be understood and used to create trouble at the ordnance bureau of the navy department. The naval officials did not understand such information as they received. Cline said his changes in records were based on starting from a cold furnace, that is, he added, the time necessary in getting the furnace hot enough for the armor plates. Witness said he destroyed the books on his own responsibility. Cline denied that he had stated the capacity of the furnace was insufficient to do the government work properly.

A LOST SHIP.

A British Vessel Long Over Due—Little Hope Entertained.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALA., June 26.—The British ship Laomane, bound from Calcutta for San Francisco with a cargo of jute and gunnies has been out 120 days, and shipping men and insurance men are becoming anxious about her. On February 4 she was sighted off Suva and ten days later the Calicut passed the same place on the same voyage. The latter vessel arrived in port last Friday and reported fair winds and good weather all the way across. The Laomane was a strong iron ship and a fast sailer. Insurance-men believe she has met with an accident and yesterday they were paying 50 per cent for reinsurance with a prospect of paying more if the vessel does not arrive in a day or two.

Shipping men have about given up the Colintrava as lost. She is now out 101 days from New Castle, N. S. W., with coal and a vessel of her class should have made the trip to San Francisco in half that time.

Meat Inspection Law.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—D. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of agricultural department, expects to leave the city during the present week for a visit to Chicago. There he will have conference with various officials in connection with the strict enforcement of the meat inspection law, including that feature which provides for the disposition of the carcasses of animals declared unfit for use by reason of having some contagious or other disease.

The Copyright Bill.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—There is little doubt that the bill for more strict copyright laws which is being pushed by the playwrights of the country will receive favorable action by the house committee on patents, and its friends are hopeful that it will pass Congress. It is to be voted on in committee on Wednesday. From the tenor of discussion in committee on the measure, it is apparent that a majority of the members are friendly to it.

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PASSING OF COXEYISM.

The Original Army in a Bad Way and the Other Brigades Dwindling Away.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26.—The original Coxe army is not anxious to extend a fraternal hand to other commonwealers, the chief reason being that their own supply of provisions is so low that meals have become scanty and infrequent. Marshal Carl Brown has turned out of camp Frye and his army, who arrived here Sunday tired, hungry and worn-out after their long journey from the west. Frye and his men went over to the Galvan camp, a mile away, where they were welcomed by the dozen members of that army still remaining in the vicinity. The Galvanites, however, had little to offer their fellow commonwealers. The Coxeite brigades are slowly dwindling. No interest is taken in them now by the public, and contributions have almost ceased.

TERRIBLE THREATS.

And Rumors of More Outrages in the Cripple Creek Region.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., June 26.—Rumors of all sorts of contemplated outrages are in the air here and the mails are burdened with threatening letters. Last night W. H. Brooks, who has mines at Cripple Creek and was the first mine owner to require nine hours for a day's work, received warning that a band of miners intended to take him out and serve him as Gen. Tarsney had been served.

Sheriff Bowers received the following letter:

"Unless the cowardly rascals who attacked Gen. Tarsney are arrested by Monday your city will be burned up."

TRAIN HELD UP.

A Southern Express Safe Blown Open And Robbed of Its Contents.

SAVANNAH, GA., June 26.—Train No. 6 on the Savannah, Florida & Western railroad was held up near the Florida line at 2 o'clock this morning. The train was brought to a standstill by the danger signal and was then boarded by a half dozen men armed with rifles. The Southern Express company's safe was blown open with dynamite and all its contents taken. Their value is not known. Engineer Jenkins was forced to cut the engine from the train and carry the robbers fifteen miles. A posse is after the robbers.

CONSULAR APPOINTMENTS.

A West Virginia Republican Succeeded in Honduras by a North Carolina Democrat.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26.—The President sent the following nominations to the senate to-day: Charles De Kay, Illinois, to be consul general at Berlin, Germany; William Meyers Little of North Carolina, to be consul of the United States at Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The present consul at Tegucigalpa is James J. Peterson, of West Virginia.

Scotch Miners Strike.

EDINBURGH, June 26.—About 65,000 miners have struck against the proposed reduction in their wages. The strike has also thrown 20,000 steel workers out of employment. They are idle on account of lack of fuel.

Some Returned to Work.

CINCINNATI, O., June 26.—The manager of the Pullman shops, in Ludlow, Ky., has posted a notice that all striking employees who do not return to work will be discharged. Twenty-eight of the strikers returned to-day under that notice and resumed work.

Strikers Vaccinated.

CHICAGO, June 26.—Pullman strikers were vaccinated to-day en masse. About 400 men were treated at Kensington Turner Hall by the city health department physicians. The Chicago typographical union has sent \$200 to the relief fund.

WEATHER CROP BULLETIN

Of the West Virginia State Weather Service for the Week Ending June 25.

General Summary.—Both temperature and sunshine have been in excess during the week, and on almost every day the temperature nearly reached or was above 90 degrees. The showers during the afternoon and evening of the 13th were general and very beneficial, while those of the 21st, 22nd and 23d were more of a local character and the rainfall was unevenly distributed. In some localities the rainfall was exceptionally excessive and the storms were also accompanied with considerable wind and some hail, some damage being done to shrubbery and crops.

At Parkersburg the amount of rainfall in connection with storms on the night of the 21st and 22nd and during the evening of the 22nd was 2.02 inches, two separate storms and both short in duration, taking the two storms together the total fall occurred in two hours and three minutes, the rain coming down in torrents, being unprecedented as to rate. In many districts, however, only scanty showers have fallen during the past two weeks and the tendency is toward drought conditions. The weather was more especially favorable for wheat and corn. Farmers made great progress with their work. Local thunderstorms are expected to occur to-day.

Cereals and grasses.—Many fields of wheat ripe, some being cut, but harvest is not yet general, probably will be next week; heads are short but well filled; the crop promises a fair yield, although exceptions are noted. Corn small, but good color, has been well worked during the week; crop made excellent progress; some slight damage from worms; rain is needed. Meadows and grass in many districts suffering for rain; pastures becoming light. "Cheat" has gotten a good start on some meadows; complaint is not general, as in some localities the meadows are reported to be in fine shape. Some rye cut, fairly well filled. Late oats are doing well, are heading out somewhat short, but are generally in pretty fair shape; a good rain is needed; some rust and lice noted. Clover mostly cut; crop generally light, in some places moderately good; old clover weedy.

Vegetables.—Garden truck plenty and doing well, but beginning to feel the need of more rain. Potatoes promise a fair crop, bugs very numerous. Cucumbers are still in poor shape. Fruits.—Raspberries doing much injury to grapes, otherwise the crop is doing nicely. Bright very bad on apple and quince trees. Raspberries ripening and a fine crop, some in market. Blackberries in good condition. Berry crop in general is in fine order. Cherries, apples and plums have fallen badly and will be very scarce.

H. W. RICHARDSON, Observer, Weather Bureau Director, Parkersburg, W. Va., June 25, 1894.

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MARTIN'S FERRY.

Haps and Mishaps in the Thriving City Across the River.

The twenty men of the Independent hose company, who take part in the races at Sandusky, O., on July 4, are practicing every evening and are in excellent trim. The men are in better shape than last year, the team is stronger and they think they will win, although several speedy companies will contest. The team is composed of Amos Paxton, Charles Downey, Peter Reddy, Don Woods, Robert Edwards, Al Davis, Ed. McAninch, Joseph Ahl, Ollie McAninch, Elmer Moore, John Moore, George Springer, Clarence Ebbert, William Rogers, Ellis Lash, William E. Thomas, William Inglesby, R. O. Montgomery and John Edwards. Dr. J. W. Darrat will be foreman and Fatsy Moore assistant. Elmer Moore and Jack Moore will pull the hose and the connection will be made by E. C. Montgomery and William E. Thomas. Charles Swartz, who was to run, is sick.

Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Smith returned yesterday from Easton, Pa., at which place their son, Ernest, graduated from the Lafayette college with high honors. They also visited Easton and other eastern cities and had a three days' ride on the ocean. Their sons, Ernest and Howard, went to Atlantic City for a couple of weeks. Rev. and Mrs. Howard N. Campbell, who also attended the commencement on their return from Europe, are expected in Martin's Ferry next week.

Mrs. James Winters is dangerously ill with typhoid fever at the residence of her father-in-law, Mr. R. Barr, on South Fourth street. She was taken sick at her home in Bellaire and grew worse after being brought to Martin's Ferry. Rev. and Mrs. Winters, of New Philadelphia, were telegraphed for yesterday.

The building, the Odd Fellows and Red Men propose to erect on their lots on Fourth street, opposite the Central school building, will measure 40 by 80 feet and three stories high. It will be built of brick, with two store rooms and halfway on the first floor, offices on the second and hall on the third.

The third story of Spence, Dargy & Co.'s warehouse, on South Second street, is up. This will be one of the finest and best warehouses in the Ohio Valley. It would be hard to build a stronger building than this one.

Only eight innings were played yesterday by the Balston Stars and Sporty Boys and the score was 25 to 18. A good sized crowd saw the game. The Stars are seldom beaten.

Thompson Kerr, who recently graduated from the Ohio State University, will go to Cleveland to-day to take a position at electrical engineering.

Mrs. William Burkle and Mrs. Thomas Ford leave to-day for Denver, Colorado, to spend a couple of months with Fred and John Burkle.

Conrad Long is using American tin altogether. It is made at New Castle and Irondale and is said to be superior to the foreign article.

Judge Dayton and Ex-Prosecuting Attorney Gregg, of Steubenville, were here yesterday in the interest of J. M. Cook for circuit judge.

Mr. Thomas Howells leaves to-day for Iron Mountain, Mich., to do some special work in chemistry for a mining company.

Miss Bertha Milligan, of Mt. Pleasant, is visiting the family of Samuel Milligan on Jefferson street.

Yesterday a party of young people spent the day picnicking in Shreve's field back of town.

Allan Snyder moved his family from Washington, Pa., to Martin's Ferry yesterday.

The Colored Odd Fellows will give a concert at the G. A. R. hall on June 30.

Mrs. Rev. W. H. Burbank and children will go to Cincinnati to-morrow.

William Goodhue has returned from an extended visit in the west.

Constable T. H. Stanton was at St. Clairsville yesterday.

Miss Kate Ralston returned yesterday from Cleveland.

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\$10 to Atlantic City Via Baltimore & Ohio Thursday, July 5, 1894.

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